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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified patent application, please amend as follows.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

On page 2, line 1, please amend as follows:

RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is a continuation of application serial no. 09/314,919, filed on May 19, 1999, which claims priority to German Patent Application No. 198 22 711.6, filed on May 20, 1998.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please delete claims 10 and 12-18.

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Please amend claim 11 as follows.

11. The device as set forth in claim 3, wherein said access means is a permanently implantable device for administering medicaments and comprises a tube arrangement extending into the interior of the body.

Please add the following new claims.

19. (New) The method as set forth in claim 3, wherein said port body is anchored in or under the skin via an anchor, said anchor being implanted in or under the skin, and holding said port body in place.

20. (New) The method as set forth in claim 19, wherein said anchor is generally disc shaped.

21. (New) The device as set forth in claim 20, said tube arrangement further comprising an intermediate site for receiving the test sensor and for receiving body fluids aspirated toward said site.

22. A method for analyzing body fluids, in which a body fluid is accessed for analysis via an implantable means for accessing the fluid, said means comprising a port body implanted in the skin, said port body comprising a tube arrangement extending into the interior of the body, wherein a test sensor is inserted into the interior of the body via said tube arrangement, and wherein a body fluid is analyzed by the sensor at an intermediate site of said tube arrangement, the body fluid being aspirated to said intermediate site.

REMARKS

The above amendments are being submitted to clarify the priority claim and to put the application in condition for examination. Specifically, claims 10, and 12-18 were canceled, and claims 19, 20 and 21 were added, therefore claims 11, 19, 20 and 21 are currently pending.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification and claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "**Marked-up Version Showing Changes.**"

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CONCLUSION

Allowance is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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MARKED-UP VERSION SHOWING CHANGES

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IN THE CLAIMS

11. The device as set forth in claim [10] 3, wherein said access means is a permanently implantable device for administering medicaments and comprise a tube arrangement extending into the interior body.